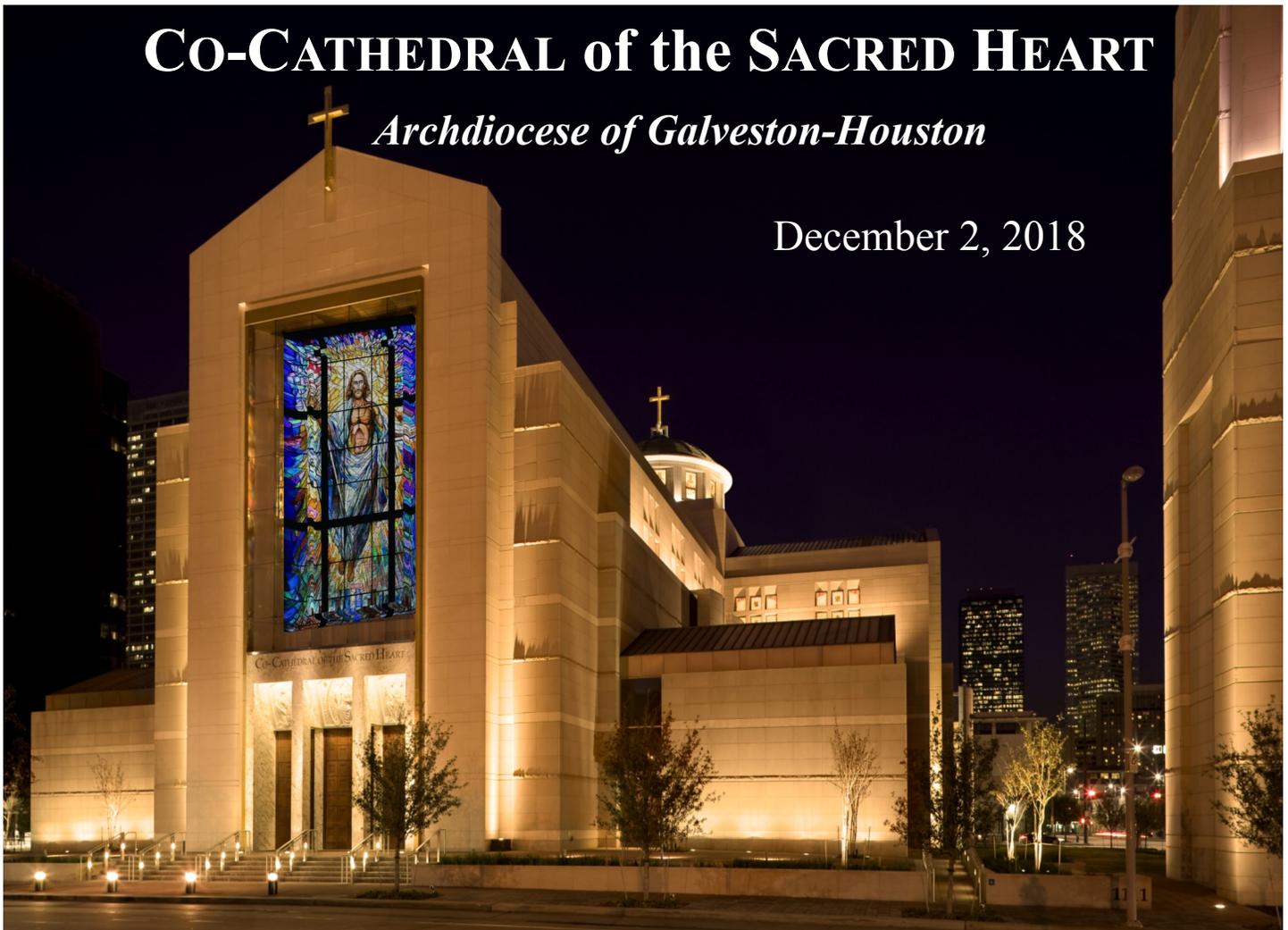


CO-CATHEDRAL of the SACRED HEART

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

December 2, 2018



1111 St. Joseph Parkway at San Jacinto / Fannin St.

Church Hours — M - F: 6:30 am - 6 pm; Saturday: 9 am - 8:30 pm; Sunday: 6:30 am - 9 pm

Weekend Mass

English: Saturday Vigil 5 pm
Sunday 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, 5:30 pm

Vietnamese: Saturday Vigil 7 pm
Sunday 1 pm

Spanish: Sunday 7:30 pm

Weekday Mass

7 am, 12:10 pm Monday - Friday

8 pm, First Fridays & Fridays during Lent:
Vietnamese Mass

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Monday - Friday: 30 minutes prior to Mass
First Thursday of the month: 4:30 - 5:15 pm
(*Weekdays: Confessional near the Sacred Heart transept*)

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:15 - 8:45 am (between 7 & 9 am Masses)
10:15 - 10:45 am (between 9 & 11 am Masses)
4:30 - 5:00 pm

Vietnamese and Spanish 30 minutes prior to Mass
(*Weekends: Confessional near entrance way on the right*)

CATHEDRAL CENTRE

The Parish office is located in the Cathedral Centre

1701 San Jacinto at Jefferson St.

Houston, TX 77002-8215

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(Closed: 12 noon - 1 pm)



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The Most Reverend Joseph A. Fiorenza, D.D., *Archbishop Emeritus*
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The Reverend Alfonso Dat-Nhan Tran, *Parochial Vicar*

Deacons: Leonard Lockett, John Carrara, Daniel Addis, Lynn Carney and Vincent Think Tran

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New Parishioners:

Register online or with the parish office: ext. 101.

Church Certificates:

For all sacramental certificates: ext. 131.

Baptism:

—For infants & children under age 7—713-337-3570.

—Best to take baptismal classes while pregnant.

—For 7 years & older (Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for Children): ext. 142.

Children's Catechesis & Evangelization (CCE):

For pre-K through high school: ext. 142.

First Penance & First Holy Communion:

For 2nd through 12th grade: ext. 142.

Confirmation:

—For high school youth: ext. 142.

—For adults: ext. 141.

High School Youth Ministry: ext. 142.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

For adults inquiring about becoming Catholic and baptized Catholics who lack Confirmation and Holy Communion: ext. 141.

Evangelization & Adult Faith Formation: ext. 141.

Music Ministry: ext. 152.

Young Adults: cocathedralya@gmail.com

Marriage:

Contact ext. 131 at least 9 months prior to wedding date.

Vocations for Priesthood and Religious Life:

Contact the Office of Vocations: 713-652-8239 or
www.houstonvocations.com

Holy Communion to the Sick/Homebound: ext. 101.

Anointing of the Sick:

Any Catholic who is to have surgery due to a serious illness; any Catholic whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age should be anointed ASAP, preferably before going to the hospital.

Contact the parish priest to be anointed: ext. 101.

Funerals: ext. 143.

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

Wednesday before 7 am & 12:10 pm Mass

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Friday during 7 am & 12:10 pm Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

—First Thursday of the Month (English)

Conclusion of 12:10 pm Mass until 6 pm

—First Friday of the Month: 6:30 pm - 8 pm

8 pm Mass (Vietnamese)

Parish Outreach: outreach@sacredheartouston.org

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December 2, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ:

Quý Ông Bà và Anh Chị Em thân mến trong Chúa Kitô:

Estimados Amigos y Amigas en Cristo:

Today we begin the beautiful Season of Advent, wearing purple vestments. Advent (from, "*ad-venire*" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the 4 Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a hopeful time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17-24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical church year, and the beginning of another cycle of scriptural readings (C) focusing primarily on the Gospel of Luke with the Gospel of John in the Easter Season. (We just finished cycle B readings that focused primarily on the Gospel of Mark.) For more understanding on the different cycles of readings, go to: <http://uscgb.org/bible/liturgy/>

Since no single Advent reflection source meets everyone's needs, we are providing a variety of sources via the internet on p. 11 so you may choose what is best for you. For those who do not have internet access, there are some Advent reflections booklets on the brochure rack in the narthex (entrance) of the church.

December 8th is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patroness of the United States. Though it falls on a Saturday, it still remains a holy day of obligation. So we are to attend Mass not only for this beautiful solemnity day, but we are also to attend the preeminent holy day of obligation for Sunday, either on the Saturday Vigil Mass or Sunday. In essence, the Church is asking us to attend Mass two times this weekend. Remember the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her parents, Joachim and Anne. Mary was preserved from every stain of sin so as to be worthy to carry the Son of God in her womb. Listen to the prayers of the Mass that reflect this profound truth. See p. 10 for a teaching on this doctrine.



Praised be the Sacred Heart of Jesus! Now and forever, amen!

Hãy chúc tụng Thánh Tâm Chúa Giêsu đến muôn đời, amen!

¡Alabado sea el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús! ¡Por siempre, amen!

Lawrence W. Jozwiak

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak,
Pastor / Rector

Dec. 8th Mass Schedule, p. 7 Advent Resources, p. 11 Christmas Flowers & Update on *Ignite*, p. 12

Refer to p. 12 for an update on the Archdiocesan Capital Campaign *Ignite*. We are at 65% of our parish goal. Note also the Christmas challenge that I am offering to the parish on p. 12—to reach and/or exceed our goal. We can do this if every household will make a sacrificial pledge.

Thank you also for exceeding our mandatory goal of the Diocesan Services Fund (DSF). Thank you for your weekly contributions to the parish. Next week, I will introduce our new Christmas Gift List and how it will be structured.

Speaking of finances, it is unfortunate that some say the Church only speaks about money. Many people say we do not, especially as compared to some other faith traditions. Yet where is the outcry against the amount of money spent on political races? Do you realize that just in the Texas Senate race, the Democratic candidate raised \$70.2 million and the Republican candidate raised \$33.4 million for a total of \$103.6 million! That is the number raised from Jan. 1, 2017 until October 17, 2018. Much of that money also came from sources outside of Texas. It was projected that \$5.2 billion was spent for all the U.S. 2018 mid-term elections as of October 31, 2018! Where is the outcry on such spending? If the Church were to ask for a capital campaign of such immensity, the backlash of criticism would be resounding. What would be the rallying call? Spend the money on the poor! What wonders could be done for the poor, needy, for health care, mental ill challenges, etc., if much of the \$5.2 billion for political campaigns would have been redirected for these good causes! The same was true for tickets for baseball World Series, going from anywhere from \$300 - \$8,000 per ticket! Yes, there is so much money in this world. I believe many people would be surprised how much is spent on entertainment, hobbies and other items. But is our spending always in proportion when spreading the Gospel of Christ?

Remember the 7 pm Co-Cathedral celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday, Dec. 12, and as the 7:30 pm Co-Cathedral Christmas concert on Wednesday, Dec. 19.



WELCOME to the Co-Cathedral!

We are a community of faith where all people are welcome! Visitors, please come back as often as possible. If you do not have a parish home, consider joining our parish, sharing your time and talent with us. For any questions, ask the Greeters in the narthex. Participate as fully as you are able to do so, using these pages.

Silence all cell phones please!

7 am Mass Antiphons

Entrance: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Cf. Ps 25 (24): 1-3

Communion: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Ps 85 (84): 13

MUSIC for MASS

Gathering Hymn:

#493 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Offertory Music:

Cantata: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland— Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Hymn: #489 Wake, O Wake, and Sleep No Longer

Communion Music:

Chant: Dominus dabit (mode I): The Lord will bestow his loving kindness, and our land will yield its fruit.

Motet: E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come—Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Hymn: #480 Savior of the Nations, Come

Recessional Hymn:

#496 Come, O Long Expected Jesus

Order of Mass

Gathering Hymn**Introductory Rites****Penitential Rite**

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.

Gloria**Liturgy of the Word****First Reading**

Readings: #972

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25

R: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading**Gospel****Homily****Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from Heaven,

(We all are to make a bow of the body during the next 2 lines.)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Universal Prayer / Prayer of the Faithful**Offertory Music****Liturgy of the Eucharist****Preparation of the Altar and Presentation of the Gifts**

P. Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

C. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right and just.**

Holy, Holy, Holy / Sanctus (see pg. 6)**The Mystery of Faith / Mysterium Fidei (B)**

Amen

The Communion Rite**The Lamb of God / Agnus Dei**

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

C: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Reception of Holy Communion:

For those who are practicing actively the Catholic Faith.

Please bow before receiving the Body and/or Blood of Christ.

Communion Music**The Concluding Rites****Recessional Hymn**

SIGNIFICANCE of BOWING

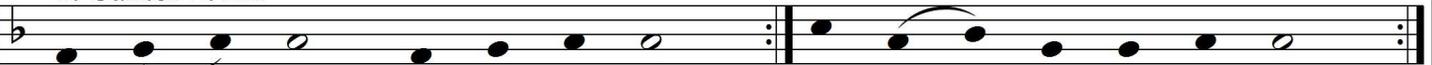
A bow signifies reverence and honor shown to the names or event being mentioned. We are to do the following:

- 1) A **bow of the head** is made when the three Divine Persons (the Trinity) are named together and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated.
- 2) A **bow of the body** (a profound bow) is made during the Creed with the words (and by the Holy Spirit...and became man—highlighted in red words in the Creed).

—General Instruction to the Roman Missal, #275

KYRIE—#363 B

1. Cantor 2. All



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Cris - te e - le - i - son.

Cantor:

All:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - re - e - e - le - i - son.

SANCTUS—#370 B



San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - ba - oth.



Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a. Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.



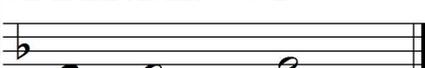
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SAVE US, SAVIOR—ICEL



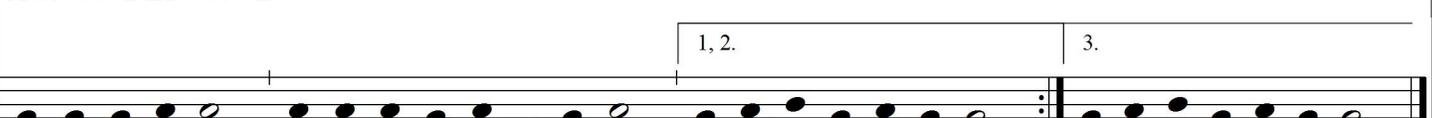
Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

SIMPLE AMEN—372



A - men

AGNUS DEI—375 B



A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis do - na - no - bis pa - cem.

Happy liturgical New Year! On this first Sunday of Advent, we are excited to spend this time with reflective musical treasures of church music as we look forward to the joy of Christ's coming. As is commanded by our church, chant has pride of place in our liturgical offerings, as reflected by the return of the Mass Ordinary ("Mass parts") to those listed in the Roman Missal, and the chanting of the Kyrie and general intercessions. We continue to hear the Propers as well. Sometimes chants are dressed up: we hear our choirs sing today a portion of J.S. Bach's cantata on the Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland, found as "Savior of the Nations, Come" at #480 in our hymnal. This seems to be a German hymn, written in 1524, but is actually a vernacularized chant of St. Ambrose, written in the fourth century: Veni Redemptor gentium. The church offers such a wealth of music looking forward to Christ's coming that it is hard to fit it in! What are you listening to at home this Advent? If your child is in CCE, you can ask them about this, and hear them in Mass next week, Dec. 9.

Looking ahead, all of our Christmas Masses will include congregational caroling interspersed with larger works that our choirs have worked on for an extended time. This year our "Christmas at the Co-Cathedral Concert" offers a chance to preview this music in a concert format on Wednesday, December 19, at 7:30 PM. The music and its message is a good one - especially as we offer traditional villancicos, a Renaissance Latin American Magnificat by Gutierrez Fernandez Hidalgo (based on a manuscript from the Bogota Cathedral), the entirety of J. S. Bach's Nun Komm, movements of a Mozart Mass, and congregational carols set by Papal visit composer, Julian Wachner. On Monday, December 3 at 8 AM, our musicians will discuss the program in greater depth on Catholic radio KSHJ 1430 AM (live streamed on Facebook at "Guadalupe Radio Network" page); more information can be found on our "Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Liturgy and Music" page.

We hope you will come, both on Dec 19 and for Christmas, and bring a friend in support of great liturgical music at our Co-Cathedral. Above all, your Co-Cathedral musicians look forward to celebrating Christ's peace of Advent and the joy of Christmas in song with you!

Music Notes for Today's Liturgy

For the first Sunday in Advent, the choirs present the first movement of Bach's church cantata *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 61. Dated December 2, 1714, BWV 61 was premiered on the first Sunday of Advent precisely three hundred and four years ago today. The first movement is a chorale fantasia, which is an extended composition based on a chorale melody, in this case Martin Luther's famous hymn of the same name, which we know by the text "Savior of the Nations, Come." Bach marked the beginning of advent (and therefore, the liturgical year) by composing this movement in the style of a French overture, the very first music one would hear at a French opera: a fast fugato sandwiched between two slower sections. In this case, each section of the choir gets their own statement of the first line, and the second line is presented in homophony (all parts sing simultaneously, but in harmony). The fast fugato section is on the third line; notice the layered entrances of the voices using a similar melody each time. The fourth line is presented in homophony in the original tempo, similar to the second line.

The choirs will present *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* in entirety at the Christmas Concert (see flyer to the right) and during the extended prelude to Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

At the Eucharist, the choirs offer the motet "E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" by American composer Paul Manz. His most famous choral work, "E'en so" was written in 1953 to text adapted from the Book of Revelation by his wife, Ruth Manz. At the time, their three-year-old son was critically ill, and Ruth and Paul wrote the lyrics and first sketches, respectively, while taking turns at their son's bedside. He eventually recovered, which Manz attributed to "prayer by a lot of people."

Looking ahead: American Festival of Pueri Cantores Festival March 30, 2019

If your musical child would like to participate in our annual Texas festival for children's choirs, but is not a member of a choir who is doing so, please reach out to the Music Office at musicoffice@sacredhearthouston.org. Beginning in January, the St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Children's Choir invites interested children to attend festival rehearsals with us. Must be able to commit to 6 Wednesday afternoon rehearsals and Saturday, March 30.

CHOIRS OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

COR JESU & SCHOLA CANTORUM

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday, December 19, 2018
7:30 PM

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 61 – J. S. Bach
Magnificat Quarti Toni – Gutierrez Fernandez Hidalgo
Missa in honorem Sanctissimae Trinitatis – W. A. Mozart
Carols and Hymns of the Season, featuring Cathedral Brass

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WELCOME ALL VISITORS to the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart!

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEASED †

Saturday

Dec. 1

(Eng) 5:00 pm Steve & Sherry Radack & Family
 (Viet) 7:00 pm Vietnamese Catholic Mothers

Sunday

Dec. 2

(Eng) 7:00 am Bernadine † & F.R. Pizzitola †
 (Eng) 9:00 am Matthew W. Williams & Family
 (Eng) 11:00 am For the People of the Parish
 (Viet) 1:00 pm Vietnamese Men of the Sacred Heart
 (Eng) 5:30 pm Corine G. Dixon †
 (Span) 7:30 pm Lazarus Ekanem †

Monday

Dec. 3

(Eng) 7:00 am Scott Baumann
 (Eng) 12:10 pm Tina McCormick

Tuesday

Dec. 4

(Eng) 7:00 am Anita Perez †
 (Eng) 12:10 pm Bree Delphin

Wednesday

Dec. 5

(Eng) 7:00 am Palmira Vasquez †
 (Eng) 12:10 pm Bernadine † & F.R. Pizzitola †

Thursday

Dec. 6

(Eng) 7:00 am Anita Perez †
 (Eng) 12:10 pm Peter Quinn †

Friday

Dec. 7

(Eng) 7:00 am Corine G. Dixon †
 (Eng) 12:10 pm Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak
 (Viet) 8:00 pm For the Community (Vigil Mass—Viet)

Saturday Dec. 8 -Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary- A Holy Day of obligation

(Eng) 9:30 am For the People of the Parish

Saturday Vigil Masses

(Eng) 5:00 pm Lewis Francis † & Rose M. Atchison †
 (Viet) 7:00 pm For the Community

Sunday

Dec. 9

(Eng) 7:00 am Rita Patterson
 (Eng) 9:00 am Josephine Nicastro †
 (Eng) 11:00 am Guadalupe Benitez
 (Viet) 1:00 pm For the Community
 (Eng) 5:30 pm Louis Fontenot
 (Span) 7:30 pm For the People of the Parish



Pray the Rosary daily:

- * For all Life Issues and Marriage.
- * For just solutions to our society's problems.
- * For healing for all who have been affected by abuse.

PRAY for ...

- peace in our world, especially in the Holy Land, for an end to terrorism and civil strife; for all hostages, refugees & immigrants.
- the safety of all those who protect us: military personnel, police officers, fire fighters and all others.
- a transformation of mind and heart for those who do not believe in the sanctity of human life.
- for all healthcare professionals to make wise and ethical decisions to promote health.
- the spread of the Gospel and the sanctity of all marriages and families.
- an end to all discrimination, prejudice and hatred.
- all the sick and suffering, the dying and the faithful departed †.

Pope's Prayer Intention: Universal – In Service of Peace

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Weekend Readings: # 972

READINGS for the WEEK

Mon: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tue: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
 Wed: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thur: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Fri: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Sat: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Sun: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

For the scriptures used at Mass every day and to hear a Reflection, go to: <http://www.usccb.org>. The daily readings calendar is on the right hand side of the page. Click on the date of the readings you would like to see. You may also request to have the daily readings sent to your email.

December 8—The Immaculate Conception

Friday, Dec. 7—8 pm Vietnamese Mass
Saturday, Dec. 8—9:30 am English Mass

Pray for those getting married

Dec. 8 - David Long Nguyen & Tesia Thu Pham

Dec. 8 - Zachary Coleman & Olivia Grace Hanlon

Pray for the Deceased

For the repose of the soul of our dearly departed:

Fr. Paul Dinh Khac Tieu †, David Pete Garcia II †
Barbara Cowart †, wife of Noel Cowart
Bishop Robert Morlino †, Bishop of Madison, WI
Patricia Ann Fanning †

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

—And let perpetual light shine upon them

May they rest in peace. —Amen.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. —Amen.

For consolation and God's healing graces upon the family and friends of the deceased. Heal their pain and dispel the darkness and doubt that comes from grief. —Amen.





Faith Formation for Children and Youth

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

The goal of Children and Youth Faith Formation here at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart is to provide a comprehensive process of the highest possible quality of Catholic Christian Education and Spiritual Formation for the Children and Youth of our Parish. We do this in a safe, welcoming, caring, and hospitable environment while enabling their parents and guardians to successfully accept and perform their role as the primary teachers and role models of their children.

December 2 • 1st Sunday of Advent

The Advent Sundays pave the way for the celebration of Jesus' first coming at his birth in Bethlehem, his Second Coming at the end of times, and his continued coming to all who gather in his name. This Sunday's Gospel describes that Second Coming and the fulfillment of the human race at the end of time.



This Week's Gospel:
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

The Coming of the Son of Man

Question of the Week:

How can you serve and help build the Kingdom Of God?

Scripture Background

Advent is a season of hoping and waiting. The word Advent means "coming." The Advent season celebrates Jesus' first coming at his birth in Bethlehem, his Second Coming at the end of time, and his continuing coming among us in the mystery of Christians gathered in his name. Jesus' first coming fulfills promises that make us trust that the human race and our created world have eternal purpose. We believe Jesus will come again and will be all in all. Sunday's Gospel focuses on Jesus' Second Coming. *By loving one another as Jesus teaches, we can stand before the Son of Man coming in glory.*

Promise

Lesson Theme:

Jesus is coming! We get ready.

Lesson Theme:

God cares for us.

VENTURE

Good News

Lesson Theme:

We celebrate God's promises.

Lesson Theme:

God is always near.

VISIONS

Pray the [St. Andrew Christmas Novena](#) with your family. This is a beautiful tradition. You can add it to your daily prayers, or do this in place of your current family prayers during the Advent season

DECEMBER FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Fill your children's shoes with small gifts or wrapped candies while they're asleep to celebrate Saint Nicholas' Feast Day on **December 6th.**

Source: <https://www.reallifeathome.com/>

Pray for missionaries all over the world who are spreading God's Word. To extend this activity, see what your family can do to help those doing a mission. (Saint Francis Xavier's Feast Day is **December 3rd.**)

Youth Ministry News

Immediate Sacrament Preparation Sessions For High School Confirmation

Requirements to enter into Immediate Preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation are the following:

1. Participating in our Co-Cathedral parish community;
2. Registered and attending the Co-Cathedral's CCE process **OR** attending a Catholic School.
3. In the 10th grade or above
4. In their 2nd consecutive year of H. S. Faith Formation

****A baptismal certificate must be turned in prior to beginning Immediate Sacrament Preparation.****



Rooted – the Co-Cathedral Youth Ministry, purpose is to empower YOU to be who God has called you to be! Rooted is a place of belonging, and encountering Christ through activities, bible studies, and community with other youth.

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION NOVEMBER 2019

Are Available **NOW** with sessions beginning with Orientation in January 2019

Are You a Single, Engaged or Married Young Adult, 18-30's?

Do you regularly attend the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and would like to get to know other single, engaged, or married young adults, who are choosing to make this their Parish home also? Then you may be interested in the "Co-Cathedral Young Adults" Contact us at cocathedralya@gmail.com to get connected and to start receiving our Newsletter to learn about upcoming events

Bank of America Screen on the Green A Nightmare Before Christmas.

Date: Thursday, December 13

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm **Place:** Discovery Green

Join us for a free movie at Discovery Green. The feature will be A Nightmare Before Christmas. Bring a lawn chair and snack to share. (Perhaps even some hand warmers!)

We will be there to find a spot at approximately 6:30 pm.

Contact us at cocathedralya@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.

Join the "Co-Cathedral Young Adults" for an

Advent Celebration

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 11 AM MASS
FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK
AT 12:30 PM CATHEDRAL CENTRE - 4TH FLOOR
RSVP - cocathedralya@gmail.com



Jerome's Hope Retreat

Saturday: December 15

The Office of Pro-Life Activities will offer a single day retreat for parents following miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant loss.

This retreat is part of Jerome's Hope ministry.

To register or for more information contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8728 or 713-741-3443.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A weekend retreat for women and men suffering after abortion.



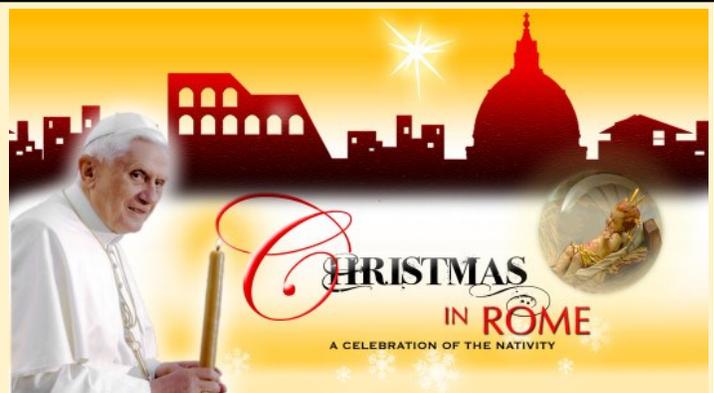
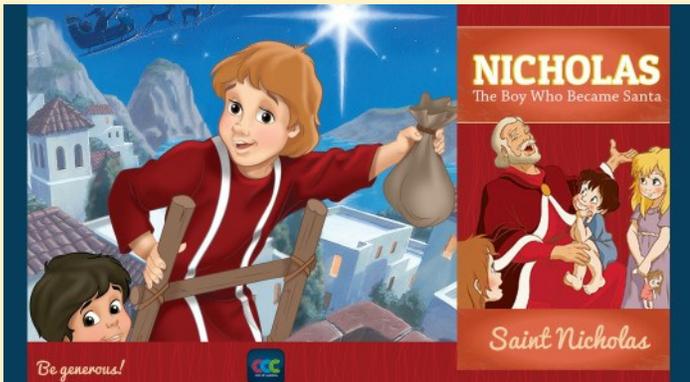
JANUARY 4-6, 2019

Rachel's Vineyard is a Catholic, Scripture-based retreat that combines prayer, reflection, counseling and sacramental Reconciliation.

All inquiries and registrations are strictly confidential For more information and to register, call or email:

Julie Fritsch—Office of Pro-Life Activities
jkfritsch@archgh.org or 713-741-8728

Look What's on "FORMED"



Register and Check it Out! <http://formed.org>
Parish Code: 0be7ec (first digit is the number 0)



SAVE THE DATE !!! Friday, January 4

Parish Epiphany Party:
Celebrating Volunteerism.



International Pilgrim
Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima
At all Weekend Masses December 15-16



The Feast of *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
 Wednesday, December 12 : 7 pm Mass
 6 pm Matachines—A Traditional Aztec Dance
 with el Coro Fraternidad De San Juan Diego &
 Cor Jesu Reception after Mass -A Tamale Dinner with
 Mariachi & matachines Performances on
 the 4th floor of the Cathedral Centre
 FREE EVENT—Come Join Us

A Baptism Preparation Information Session

is the required first step for Infant Baptisms at the
Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

(RSVP for Initial Session Needed: See Below)

Initial Information Sessions 2018:

Sunday - December 9: 2:15pm-5:15pm

Sunday - January 27: 2:15pm-5:15pm

In the Cathedral Centre—1701 San Jacinto

1. Being on time is absolutely essential:

No one will be admitted after 15 minutes into a session.
 You are welcome to arrive as much as 30 minutes early.

2. We need your undivided attention for both
- the *Initial Information Session* and
 - the *Core Topics Session*.

Therefore *no children will be admitted into either of these sessions.*

Plan Ahead. No exceptions.

For more information and to RSVP
 for one of these Initial Sessions go to
<https://www.sacredhearhouston.org/baptism>



Marriage Preparation:

Advance approval required to begin sessions.



- **Sunday, December 2: Initial**
- **Sunday, December 16: Session A**
- **Sunday, January 6: Initial**

Location: Cathedral Centre—1701 San Jacinto

Please check White Board for room assignment each time.

Time: Sign-in: Noon-12:30 pm/Session: 12:30-2:30 pm

Marriage Guidelines: Visit www.sacredhearhouston.org

WEDDINGS

*Interested in getting married
 at the Co-Cathedral?*

**Currently scheduling
 weddings for 2019-2020**

To begin the process
 Contact: Bree Delphin
 at (713) 659-1561 x 131
 or email: bdelphin@sacredhearhouston.org



Also Available

Cameron Hall with the beautiful view of downtown and
 the Co-Cathedral for your wedding reception venue.

SAVE THE DATES!!!

Co-Cathedral Parish Pre-Lent Mission

Monday– Wednesday: February 18th –20th

**Including homilies by our presenter
 at the Sunday Masses: February 17th**

Doctrine of the Immaculate Conception

Each year we re-run the teaching on the Immaculate Conception as a refresher for many, and for others for a correct understanding of this doctrine. So it's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Some think it refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father, but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think it means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was. Though it is true of Jesus, Mary was conceived in the normal human way by her parents. The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception holds that Mary was preserved by God from original sin or its stain from the moment Mary was conceived—that is what "immaculate" means: without stain. From the first moment of her existence, Mary was full of grace, that is, free of any alienation from God caused by original sin. Because of Mary's special role in God's saving plan, she was graced with this divine favor in anticipation of her son's death and resurrection. Mary also was so attuned to God that she was free of all personal sin. This was God's perfect act of purification to prepare Mary to bear the Son of God in her womb. This doctrine of Mary's Immaculate Conception is more of a statement about Jesus than about Mary. It proclaims that Jesus was someone so unique and holy that God would even prepare his mother for his birth by preserving her from sin. St. Ambrose spoke of Mary as "free of every stain of sin." Refer to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, #490-493.



ADVENT season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

We are all different, and we are all in different places on our personal journey of life. So with that in mind, we have attempted to compile a list of some of the opportunities for your spiritual growth this Advent.

We hope you find them helpful.

USCCB WEBSITE

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/index.cfm>

Best Advent Ever | Advent 2018 | Dynamic Catholic
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>

Advent Reflections - Preparing for the birth of our Savior
 Dr. Tim Gray on FORMED

<https://formed.org/promo/advent-reflections-registration>

Reflexiones de Adviento ahora disponibles en Español!
<https://formed.org/promo/advent-reflections-registration-spanish>

Our Sunday Visitor

<https://www.osv.com/MyFaith/ChurchSeasonsandFeasts/Advent.aspx>

Loyola Press

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent>

Franciscan Media

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/advent-a-season-of-surprises/>

Advent Family Activities

Real Life at Home

<http://www.reallifeathome.com/>

Strong Catholic Family Faith

<http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/for-families1.html>

Pflaum Weeklies

<http://www.pflaumweeklies.com/blog/category/seasons/>

Catholic Mom

<http://catholicmom.com/faith/advent/>

Loyola Press

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/activities>

Advent Wreath

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=954>

Jesse Tree

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=545>

Advent Calendar

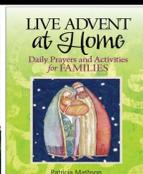
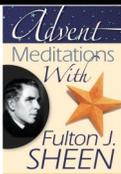
<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/calendars>

ADVENT PRAYERS

- <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?s=57>
- <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/prayers>

ADVENT BOOKS / RESOURCES

The following is a website with a number of resources:
<https://www.catholiccompany.com/advent-c1504/>



<https://www.catholiccompany.com/advent-prayer-books-c1506/>

DO NOT FORGET TO CHECK THE PAMPHLET RACK IN THE NARTHEX (Entry) OF THE CHURCH FOR BOOKS AND MATERIALS FOR THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASONS!!!

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READ

LISTEN

WATCH

Register at [http://formed.org/register/#/registration/individual?](http://formed.org/register/#/registration/individual?ParishCode:0be7ec)
 Parish Code: 0be7ec (first digit is the number 0)

Let us make every effort to keep CHRIST as our focus at Christmas this year!



**Our Time to Ignite
Our Faith
Our Mission
And Our Future!**

**If you have not made
your *Ignite* pledge yet,
Please do so NOW!**

Pledge envelopes next to the bulletins.

Our Parish Goal: \$ 1,264,844
Number of Pledges: 175
Total Pledged: \$ 819,540
Parish Share: \$ 270,448
Percentage of Goal: 65%

A Christmas Gift to the Parish

Would it not be wonderful that we reach & exceed our parish goal by Christmas? Is it possible? Certainly it is possible when every household makes a sacrificial pledge! When only 175 households have pledged out of 1914 total households, we can easily exceed our goal! Remember, the parish retains 33% of all payments under our goal. Then the parish retains 67% after we exceed our goal. Any pledges are to be in addition to your normal parish collections & DSF.

Fr. Lawrence W. Jozwiak

**IGNITE Fundraising
NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 9**

10 am - 3 pm

Outside in front of the Church

- Want some *freshly made* pork BBQ w/steamed rice, spring-rolls and tapioca drink for lunch or dinner?
- Want to support the Co-Cathedral's **IGNITE campaign?**
**If you said "YES" to any of the above,
 Come & Support us!**

The Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart -



Stewardship Reflection

1st Sunday of Advent: December 2

That we strengthen our relationship with Jesus through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

| | <u>Nov. 17/18</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Actual Collection: | \$35,972* | \$700,439 |
| Budgeted Collection: | \$35,417 | \$710,836 |
| Amount over (Under): | \$ 555 | (\$ 10,397) |
| *Includes \$18,606 from Faith Direct | | |
| Missionary Appeal | \$11,872 | |

| | <u>Nov. 24/25</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Actual Collection: | \$36,095* | \$736,534 |
| Budgeted Collection: | \$35,833 | \$746,669 |
| Amount over (Under): | \$ 262 | (\$10,135) |
| *Includes \$18,943 from Faith Direct | | |
| Campaign for Human Development | \$3,354** | |

Second Collections

- Dec. 8/9: Retirement Fund for Religious**
- Dec. 15/16: Debt Reduction**



Christmas Flowers & Decorations

Remember to be extra generous with your donation for Christmas flowers and decorations. It takes many flowers to decorate our church so as to be beautiful!

(FYI: all flower donations are not taxed by the archdiocese. The entire amount remains in the parish. 10% of any Sunday collections automatically go to the archdiocese for its operations.)

NEEDED: Volunteers to help decorate the Church for Christmas

Monday, Dec. 24th at : 8 am until we finish. We need volunteers who are gifted in Christmas decorating skills, as well as people to move flowers and trees and to help clean the church. Contact the parish receptionist to volunteer (713-659-1561).

FIRST THURSDAY

of the MONTH

December 6

**SOLEMN EXPOSITION
of the BLESSED
SACRAMENT and
BENEDICTION**

Solemn Exposition begins with
the conclusion of the
12:10 pm Mass.

Scriptural Rosary prayed
on the hour—

1pm, 2 pm, 3 pm & 4 pm.

Sacrament of Penance—
4:30 pm -5:15 pm.

Evening Prayer at 5:30 pm -
followed by Benediction.



FIRST FRIDAY

of the MONTH

December 7

**SOLEMN EXPOSITION of the
BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

with devotions to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 pm - 7 pm: English

7 pm - 7:30 pm: Spanish

7:30 pm - 8 pm: Vietnamese

*You are welcome to pray
at any time
between 6:30 pm - 8 pm*

8 pm Mass in Vietnamese



**Give More When
Holiday Shopping!**

When purchasing your gifts at *Amazon*
this holiday season, remember to use

AmazonSmile.

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the
same products, prices, and shopping features as
Amazon.com. **The difference is that when you shop on
AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate**

**0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to
the charitable organization of your choice.**

***The Co-Cathedral is setup as an organization that you
can select as your organization of choice.***

The website address is www.smile.amazon.com

CHRISTMAS CLOTHING DRIVE

Knights of Columbus, Council 803, is collecting

- Winter Coats and Jackets

- Flannel Shirts and Sweatshirts

- "In the package" undergarments for men and women
for Magnificat Houses.

(Larger sizes are most in need)

Collection box will be in the Co-Cathedral narthex
Saturday and Sunday: December 1&2 and 8&9

*Since its founding in 1968, Magnificat Houses has
provided assistance to the mentally challenged, the
homeless, and to those in recovery. Thank you for your
many years of support to Magnificat Houses.*



Co-Cathedral Gift Shop

In Church Narthex (Entry)

Saturday—December 8

**Before & after the
5pm Saturday Vigil Mass**

& Sunday—December 9

8 am—6 pm

Some of the Items available:

- Beautiful stone cross or paperweight created from the stone used on the exterior walls of this church.
- An artist's rendition of the crucifix that hangs above our Altar
- Handmade rosaries decade bracelets, coil rosary bracelets, key rings, and "stretchy" bracelets that include a decade of the rosary.
- The Divine Mercy chaplet that comes with an 8x10 Divine Mercy picture.

Take a few minutes after Mass, see what else is available. Maybe a birthday present, a reminder of the place where we worship, a Christmas present!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Our next ***Blood Drive***
at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus is

Sunday - DECEMBER 16



Volunteers Needed!

Sign up at www.sacredheartheouston.org/outreach



Making Spirits Bright...

Donate online! to gift a hooded sweatshirt, a pair of socks, a travel coffee mug, and Walmart gift card to the residents of Magnificat house at our Christmas Party on December 28th!

Gift Sorting

Volunteers needed to Sort donated Share Your Blessings gifts.

December 12-13th
9am—Noon

Catholic Charities
Warehouse

Volunteers: Age 14+

Stocking Stuffers

Volunteers needed to Assemble gifts and prepare for our Magnificat Christmas Party

Thursday,
December 13
6:30pm—8:30pm
Cathedral Centre



Party Prep

Volunteers needed to decorate and prepare appetizer plates for the

Magnificat
Christmas
Party

Thursday, December 27
10am—2pm
Cathedral Centre

Magnificat Party

Volunteers needed to Serve lunch, distribute gifts, lead bingo, and clean up at our Christmas Lunch for Magnificat House.

Friday, December 28
9am—3pm
Cathedral Centre



Because of your donations we were able to provide Thanksgiving baskets of food and gift cards to seniors and cookies with Uber gift cards for young adults who have aged out of foster care.



Share Your Blessings

All gifts due Next Weekend

- Pick out an ornament on your way out from Mass.
- Purchase a gift for the individual indicated on the ornament.
- Bring the unwrapped gift with ornament attached.



Parish Food Drive

This Weekend!

Forgot your groceries?

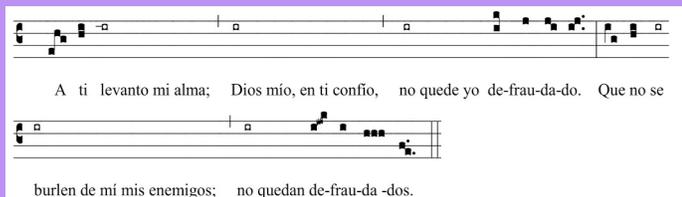
Try our Virtual Food Basket Online!

www.sacredheartheouston.org



Liturgia

--Antífona de Entrada:



A ti levanto mi alma; Dios mío, en ti confío, no quede yo de-frau-da-do. Que no se burlen de mí mis enemigos; no quedan de-frau-da-dos.

-**Entrada:** Levántate (#266)

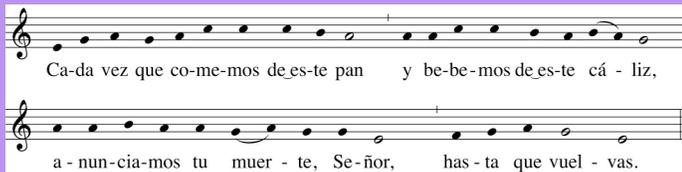
-**Kyrie (Misa Gregoriana, #89)**

-**Salmo:** A ti, Señor, levanto mi alma, levanto mi alma a ti, Señor.

-**Canto de Ofertorio:** Ven con Nosotros, Emmanuel (#271)

-**Sanctus (Misa Gregoriana, #92)**

-**Aclamación Memorial**

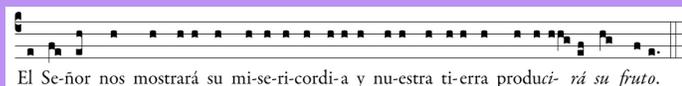


Ca-da vez que co-me-mos de-es-te pan y be-be-mos de-es-te cá - liz,
a - nun-cia-mos tu muer - te, Se-ñor, has - ta que vuel - vas.

-**Amen (Misa Gregoriana, #94)**

-**Agnus Dei (Misa Gregoriana, #96)**

-**Antífona de Comunión:**



El Se-ñor nos mostrará su mi-se-ri-cordi-a y nu-estra ti-erra produci- rá su fruto.

-**Comunión:** ¡Oh Víctima de Salvación! (#527)

-**Salida:** Que Se Abran los Cielos (#273)

Anuncios

La Novena para Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es cada domingo, empezando a las 6:40 pm hasta el día de la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Todos están invitados.

Cocinaremos Tamales para la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la cocina del Centro Catedral, el día 8 de diciembre empezando a las 7 am. Necesitamos de su ayuda laboral o monetaria para poder comprar los ingredientes para cocinar los tamales.

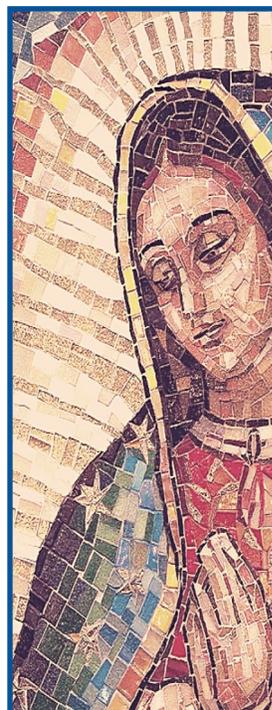
Haremos un Santuario para colocar la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe para el día 6 de diciembre empezando a las 6 pm. El día 11 de diciembre, empezando a las 6 pm, decoraremos el salón en el Centro Catedral.

La Estatua Internacional de la Virgen de Fátima estará en la Co-Catedral los días 15 & 16 de diciembre.

La Palabra entre Nosotros para el mes diciembre por una donación de \$2.00.

La Santa Biblia por una donación de \$7.00.

La Forma Escrita de las Homilias del Diacono Daniel se encuentran a: <http://diaconodanieladdis.blogspot.com/>



CELEBRACIÓN DE
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Miércoles, 12 de Diciembre, 2018

6PM MATACHINES
DANZAS TRADICIONALES AZTECAS

7PM LA SANTA MISA
CON EL CORO FRATERNIDAD DE SAN SAN JUAN DIEGO Y COR JESU

RECEPCIÓN DESPUÉS DE LA MISA
MERIENDA CON MARIACHI Y MATACHINES EN EL 4° PISO DEL CENTRO CATEDRAL

EVENTO GRATUITO

LA CO-CATEDRAL DEL SACRADO CORAZÓN DE JESUS, 1111 ST. JOSEPH PKWY, HOUSTON, TX 77002



Palabras del Papa Francisco

El Adviento es el tiempo para preparar nuestros corazones a recibir al Salvador, es decir el único Justo y el único Juez que puede dar a cada uno la suerte que merece. Aquí, como en otras partes, muchos hombres y mujeres tienen sed de respeto, de justicia, de equidad, y no ven en el horizonte señales positivas. A ellos, Él viene a traerles el don de su justicia. Viene a hacer fecundas nuestras historias personales y colectivas, nuestras esperanzas frustradas y nuestros deseos estériles. Y nos manda a anunciar, sobre todo a los oprimidos por los poderosos de este mundo, y también a los que sucumben bajo el peso de sus pecados: "El Señor es nuestra justicia" Por eso nosotros, cristianos, estamos llamados a ser en el mundo los artífices de una paz fundada en la justicia. La salvación que se espera de Dios tiene también el sabor del amor. En efecto, preparándonos a la Navidad, hacemos nuestro de nuevo el camino del pueblo de Dios para acoger al Hijo que ha venido a revelarnos que Dios no es sólo Justicia sino también y sobre todo Amor. Por todas partes, y sobre todo allí donde reina la violencia, el odio, la injusticia y la persecución, los cristianos estamos llamados a ser testigos de este Dios que es Amor. La salvación de Dios proclamada tiene el carácter de un poder invencible que vencerá sobre todo. De hecho, después de haber anunciado a sus discípulos las terribles señales que precederán su venida, Jesús concluye: «Cuando empiece a suceder esto, tengan ánimo y levanten la cabeza; se acerca su liberación». Y, si san Pablo habla de un amor «que crece y rebosa», es porque el testimonio cristiano debe reflejar esta fuerza irresistible que narra el Evangelio.